VCC English as an Additional Language Assessment - Optional Practice Materials

What is the purpose of the VCC English Language Assessment (ELA)?
The purpose of the VCC ELA is to determine your current levels of English language skills; it will point out the areas where you are strong and where you can improve.

How can I prepare for the VCC ELA?
When you make your appointment for the ELA, you will be given a sample question booklet. It will give you examples of the areas in which you will be tested and the types of questions asked. For information regarding scheduling your ELA appointment, please refer to www.vcc.ca/assessments. An Advisor can also assist you with any questions you may have about the assessment and prerequisites for your program. To schedule an appointment with an Advisor, please call 604 871-7000, option 2.

Optional Practice Materials
Below is a list of books and websites that may be helpful if you want to practice your English skills before the assessment. You can find them in the Library or Learning Centre. These resources are for general English practice only. Please use the ELA sample question booklet for specific assessment preparation.

GRAMMAR

Basic Grammar in Use by R. Murphy
Grammar in Use by R. Murphy
Fundamentals of English Grammar, workbook and test bank by B. Azar
Understanding and Using English Grammar, workbook and test bank by B. Azar
How English Works by M. Swan and C. Walter
Testing Your Grammar by S. Reinhart

www.englishgrammar.org
www.edufind.com/english/grammar
a4esl.org/q/h/grammar.html

READING

Reading Drills by E. Fry (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)
Six-Way Paragraphs (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) by W. Pauk
WRITING

*Share Your Paragraph* by G. Rooks (Beginner)
*Think About Editing* by A. Ascher (Intermediate/Advanced)
*The Canadian’s Writer’s Workplace* by J. Roberts, J. Scarry, S. Scarry (Advanced)
*Sentence Skills* by J. Langan (Advanced)
*The Bare Essentials* by S. Norton & B. Green

[link to lklivingston.tripod.com/essay/topic.html]

SPELLING

*Improving Your Spelling* by C. Crowell

LISTENING

*Developing Tactics for Listening* by J. Richards (Beginner)
*Now Hear This* by B. Foley (Upper Beginner)
*Intermediate Listening Comprehension* by P. Dunkel and P. Lim
*Face the Issues* by C. Numrich (Intermediate)
*Contemporary Topics 1/2/3* by E. Kisslinger and M. Rost (Int/Advanced)
*Consider the Issues* by C. Numrich (Advanced)

[link to ed.ted.com/lessons]
[link to breakingnewsenglish.com/index.html]
[link to www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice] UK accents and stories (good for IELTS)
[link to www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/] Check out the sections for grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary
[link to www.elllo.org]
[link to esl-lab.com/] Scroll down to the middle of the page for general listening quizzes.
[link to www.clb-os.ca] Canadian Language Benchmarks online self-assessment

Any *TOEFL* or *IELTS* preparation book can be used for advanced study.